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EXAMINING GROUP 2663

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A RADIO LOCAL AREA
NETWORK SYSTEM USING A MACRODIVERSITY

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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 20, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on July 20, 2001. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 20, 2001.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 18, and 19 and ADD new claims 20 and 21 in accordance with the following:

20. (NEW) A communication method for a radio LAN system comprising:
time-divisionally dividing an input signal into first N signals;
converting said first N signals into second N signals, wherein a rate of said second N